GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
CREATION OF SAFETY FUNDS
ALE NARENDRA;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khanna Committee report has estimated that an amount of Rs.15,000 crore is required to make the rail journey accident free in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have set up non-lapseable railway safety fund to replace overaged tracks, bridges, rolling stock and signalling system;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the sources from which the said fund is likely to be generated ; and

(f) the funds likely to be provided during the current year ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.77 BY SHRI SADASHIV DADOBA MANDLIK AND SHRI A. NARENDRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26-07-2001 REGARDING CREATI SAFETY FUNDS.

(a) & (b) Railway Safety Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R.Khanna, a retired judge of Supreme Court, in Pt. of its Report has stated that Indian Railways` present inventory of overaged assets transmuted into money terms is Rs.15,000 crores. Committee recommended that in the interest of safety, the Central Government should provide a one-time grant to the Railways so that arrears in renewal of track, bridges, rolling stock and signalling gear are wiped out within a fixed time frame. The recommendation of the Committee has been accepted by the Ministry of Railways with implementation subject to availability of funds. Part-I of RSRC report has been tabled in both houses of Parliament.

(c) to (f) Setting up of a non-lapseable Safety Fund as well as the related aspects such as the sources from which the fund is to be generated, the amount to be provided in the current year etc., are receiving the attention of the Government.